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Tetsuya NAKATA et al., "Glypican-3, overexpressed specifically in human hepatocellular carcinoma, is a novel tumor marker", Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications, 306, (2003), pages 16-25;

JP 6-46882 A, February 22, 1994, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);

U.S. Patent No. 5,730,981 A (BOSSLET et al.), issued March 24, 1998; Applicants note that this document is identified on the International Search Report as a U.S. family member of JP 6-46882 A;

JP 10-505481 A, June 2, 1998, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet); and

U.S. Patent No. 5,874,560 A (KAWAKAMI et al.), issued February 23, 1999; Applicants note that this document is identified on the International Search Report as a U.S. family member of JP 10-505481 A.

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 11/577,435 (NISHIMURA et al.), filed April 18, 2007.

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application) are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants also enclose the International Search Report and the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (in English and Japanese) for International Application PCT/JP04/016374. The Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

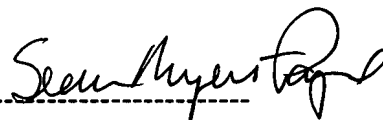
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